House Resolution No. 4363

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

Whereas, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tucker, residents of Jackson, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, Norman and Bessie Tucker commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on September 6, 2003, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Norman and Bessie Tucker undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

Whereas, it was five wondrous decades ago that Norman Tucker and Bessie Smith joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony witnessed by Delvin Roth and JoAnn Hahs on September 6, 1953, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, over the course of the past half century, Norman and Bessie Tucker have had the pleasure of raising four children, Lorrie Davidson and Teresa Mouser of Jackson, Deborah Sandstrom of Vista, California, and Norman Tucker, Jr., of Lake Morena, California, and the privilege of spoiling thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Norman, a 1947 graduate of Cape Central High School, and Bessie, a 1953 graduate of the former College High School in Cape Girardeau, have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Norman and Bessie Tucker upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tucker.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4363, adopted October 8, 2003.